(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) BSNL's and MTNL's cellular tariff are quite customer friendly and on overall basis, they are either cheaper or comparable to the tariff of other operators. There is no proposal for further reduction in the tariff at this stage.

(c) and (d) Based on its business decision and commercial viability, BSNL is continuing to install latest and proven technology system to provide new services like GPRS (General Packet Radio Services), MMS (Multi Media Messaging Service) and EDGE (Enhanced Data rates for Global Evolution) for provision of high data rate etc. in its mobile network.

Single calling rates

1138. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering adoption of a single calling rate, irrespective of distance called, within the country;

(b) if so, the status of the implementation of the above proposal and the proposed time-frame for the launch of the same;

(c) whether all stake-holders, including telecom companies have agreed to the proposal; and

(d) if not, the details of their grievances and the steps being taken to address them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) While Government are working towards One India Call Rate, the proposed measure is at initial stage. No time-frame can be fixed for the same for its introduction. It is premature, at this stage for any grievance/ agreement of stake-holders.

Agreement with Intel

1139. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: